

W. E. PUTNEY.—Please tell me through the C B J or by letter all things considered, which do you think is the best way to take comb honey with wide frames or your reversers and do the bees not daub the sections when not in wide frames.

East Halley, Me.

Section crates we consider not only more economical but far superior to the former system but when parties have wide frames I would not advise them to change them until they tested our new system and become satisfied with it.

G H DEAN 208—312.—One year before you commenced to publish the C B J I had one colony of bees in a hollow log which I found in the woods. These I transferred to a Jones hive, and, with a colony bought from Mr. Pringle, I increased to six, lost three the next winter. Increased the 2nd year to five which wintered successfully. I then bought an extractor and took 400 lbs honey and increased to nine, bought three in box hives, wintered all right. Increased the next year to twenty-eight took out 600 lbs honey and again wintered successfully, lost one by robbing in spring. Increased in 1888 to thirty-three and took out 300 lbs. I then bought eighteen colonies, lost one in cellar and lost four which were found queenless in spring, leaving forty-six to commence the season of 1889 got 2100 lbs honey and have eighty-five colonies in winter quarters in very good shape. I attribute my success to information gathered from the C B J together with some good practical lessons kindly given by friend Pringle. Wishing success to the C B J a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to its editors and readers.

Tamworth.

JAMES GREEN.—Last fall I put 5 hives in chaff boxes outside, they all came through. One was weak but now is strong. I kept her from swarming but the other four would turn out swarms in spite of my putting them back, taking out the queen cells, etc. As I am only a beginner I may do better next season. I don't want too many as I have a 50-acre farm so I can't give them the attention they should get. I have thirteen hives in chaff boxes this season in fair condition. I left them in the Combination boxes all summer and extracted about 200 lbs. Fruit being scarce in this locality honey is a grand substitute, it generally suits the tastes of old and young. I got 5 of your 9-frame chaff hives but you was so long in filling my order I had all my first swarms in other hives. I have the idea they will answer if the bees will go to work in the upper story. I would like to see some accounts in the JOURNAL from those who have used them—I mean the two storey. I will require more hives next season. My other hives are the Jones' 12-frame. I will likely order them before spring so I can get them ready. Perhaps I may be able to give more questions next time.

Fergus.

D. GORRIN.—While enclosing my dollar for the continuance of the JOURNAL for another year I might say that I am well pleased with the work and think every bee keeper—no matter how small his business in that line is—ought to have the BEE JOURNAL. I found a few useful hints each of which was worth the dollar alone. Am only a beginner in the bee business. I started with one hive last spring, got one swarm and lost one (perhaps more) and sold about \$20.00 worth of honey in comb, got 20c. per lb. for it all. I consider there is no other business I could go into and make the same profit with as little work, and I hope to extend it gradually and would advise all beginners to start small and read up the JOURNAL they go, also to make friends with the bees. I have my two hives in cellar temperatured to 45 degrees as near as possible. Do you think I have done well, also am I wintering properly, I have not looked into them since putting them into the cellar and do not think I shall.

Another party here started with one hive also and has got seven swarms now, do you think they will all winter? They did not sell half the honey I did.

Haliburton, Jan. 2.

HONEY MARKETS

DETROIT.

Market dull and lower, comb quoted at 12 and 14 cts., extracted 7 and 8. Beeswax in good demand at 24 and 25 cts.

M. H. HUNT.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

PREPARE FOR A BIG YIELD.

We have not heard from Mr. Dunn regarding the enormous prospective yield this summer, but others have made assertions as to its magnitude. Be it large or small it is well to be prepared for it, get everything in readiness before spring opens when other duties crowd, order your supplies now and take advantage of our discount offers.

60 POUND TINS AND STRONG HANDLES.

We find that our tinsmith, without our knowledge has been making the handles of these tins too light, much too slender for the weight which each one has to carry. One or two complaints reached us during the Fair at Toronto, and we have at once removed that defect. The handle as it has been put on, will lift all right if it is not wrenched or jerked, but it will not stand rough handling. We shall not likely have any more complaints from this date.

12 CENTS PER POUND FOR EXTRACTED.

For No. 1 extracted honey, put up and shipped us in 60 pound tins—we will pay 12c. per lb., delivered at Beeton, payment to be made in any kind of supplies wanted at prices marked in our catalogue. This is the most we have offered for honey in a wholesale way for years.